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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 3623

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Kouno et al.

Application No: 10/802,459

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For: **COMMODITY SALES NUMBER FORECASTING SYSTEM AND METHOD,
COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT AND STORAGE MEDIUM**

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 USC §134, 37 CFR 1.191, and MPEP §1205, the Applicants in the above-identified patent application hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated November 8, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated January 30, 2006 at least twice rejecting or finally rejecting Claims 1 – 16.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0457 in the amount of \$500.00 for the Appeal fee as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b).

☒ Also enclosed: Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; Reasons in Support of Applicant's Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.

☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Deposit Account No. 09-0457.

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